

**Question for written answer E-000364/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Discrimination against the Catalan fishing sector by Spain's transposition of the common fisheries policy guidelines

Spain's transposition of the common fisheries policy guidelines (Regulation (EU) 2019/1022¹ and (EU) 2021/90²) discriminates against the Catalan fishing sector.

Vessels cannot plan with any certainty the calendar of fishing days and guarantee a minimum of job stability to their workers. Fixed costs, such as the social security insurance of the workers or the economic performance of the vessels, are not being compensated by the financial aid mechanisms that the common fisheries policy provides for.

The current system for calculating fishing days as applied by the Spanish Government is complex, not transparent and does not consider the biological rest periods that the Catalan fishing fleet has established on its own volition, lasting up to two months.

1. Is the Commission investigating whether the Spanish Government is transposing the rules of the common fisheries policy, and specifically the regulation on trawling and demersal fishing, in a transparent and equitable manner, considering the specific characteristics of the different coastal territories?
2. Is the Commission aware of the uncertainty and imbalance caused in the Catalan fisheries sector by Spain's transposition of Regulation (EU) 2019/1022?
3. Is it aware that Spain has not established a system for financing the sector's fishing fleets, and that the socio-economic aid to compensate for non-fishing days is not being properly planned and distributed?

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32019R1022>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/ES/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021R0090>